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Dear Joe:

Reading in today's Wall Street Journal front page headline "PRIVATE MINT PROSPERS BUT DRAWS THE WRATH OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS" reminds me of the time I tipped you off that the now defunct ASNA (Advertising Specialty National Association) were going to put your ASI (Advertising Specialty Institute) out business and only through a flurry of phone calls and last minute preparations were you able to survive the "execution". My good friend Harry Howard, owner of the Seven Seas, Sign of the Whale, and Port of Call on Nantucket Island also tried to do something about the coin shortage and coined "four bit pieces" as well as two bit pieces which article brought him front page coverage of the matter by the N.Y. Herald Tribune. Shortly thereafter, agents of the Treasury Dept. swooped down on him, destroyed the plates and threatened him with all the jails at the disposal of the Federal Gov't if he coined another "bit". However, as I mentioned to the Hon. Jim Garrison last week "Don't let the federal bastards grind you down". I not only personally petitioned every member of congress and senate to appoint an Ombundsman to re-open the JFK assassination which resulted in Rep. Ted Kupferman making a personal appeal, and whose seat I am now seeking in congress since he is not running for re-election. Just for the record, I won the Republican Vice Pres. primary in New Hampshire (where I beat out four state Governors) by pointing out that the Federal Reserve Bank was the biggest bunch of "counterfeiters on the face of the earth" with a legalized racket to counterfeit money and loan it to the gov't at interest. That is why they don't like gold or silver - can't get any interest from it.

Getting back to the JFK assassination which I attribute to an "execution" by the Military-Economic-Complex" because JFK de-escalated in Cuba and Vietnam, the Secret Service put me under $200,000.00 bail Aug.5,66 when I was going to picket the Nugent-LBJ wedding wearing Indian custom of CHIEF BURNING WOOD under which name I won the New Hampshire primary. Frankly it was precisely ten days after I accused J. Edgar Hoover of being "up to his ears" in the plot to kill JFK and the real reason for the arrest. Only yesterday, when I dropped in to the On-Hand Dept. of the N.Y.C. Railway Express Agency wto pick up a non-delivered package from Jack Childers, Miami, Flo. , I got into a heated discussion with John Right, Mgr. On-Hand Dept, an ex-FBI agent over the Warren Report. Right called Garrison a stringx of filthy names which I could not repeat in this letter and when I flatly accused J. Edgar Hoover of being in the plot to kill JFK Right said to me (in the presence of REA employee Gary Robert Evans, 22 Sunset Drive, Cromwell, Conn.) "you look like a fellow who was in an airplane and crashed" . Penn Jones' book "Forgive My Grief" states some 30 people are now dead who knew too much about the JFK assassination or said things against that "Household God J. Edgar Hoover". Glad to see he didn't make your list of notables to be "minted." I still maintain that if the Kennedys had given Hoover the same treatment that Malenkov gave Soviet Secret Service Chief Laventria Beria, JFK would be alive today! Garrison must really have the goods otherwise Hoover would not have brainwashed his ex-FBI agent organization to be so vehemently down on Garrison!

Since I saved your neck some 15 years ago when the "old-timers" where trying to kill off a "young up-start" (as they killed off JFK) and I have warned you what the Secret Service will attempt, I think the next public service medalion should be CHIEF BURNING WOOD. With warm personal regards and don't let the federal bastards grind you down, Joe

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